

## Mock Newbery January 2004 Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or more books for the meeting on **Monday, January 5 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Warwick Public Library**. The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

*Note:* Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

**We will select a Rhode Island Mock Newbery winner and honor books at this session. Titles have been dropped from the earlier lists and added to this list. Happy reading!**

Anderson, Janet S. *The Last Treasure*.

Cameron, Ann. *Colibri*.

Codell, Esme Raji. *Sahara Special*.

Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander*.

Creech, Sharon. *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*.

Crum, Shutta. *Spitting Image*.

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *City of Ember*.

Franklin, Kristine. *Grape Thief*.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Maggie's Door*.

Hale, Shannon. *The Goose Girl*.

Henkes, Kevin. *Olive's Ocean*.

Hesse, Karen. *Aleutian Sparrow*.

Horvath, Polly. *The Canning Season*.

Lasky, Kathryn. *The Man Who Made Time Travel*.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. *Crying Rocks*.

Lowry, Lois. *The Silent Boy*.

O'Connor, Barbara. *Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia*.

Peck, Richard. *The River Between Us*.

Shea, Pegi Deitz. *Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story*.

Smith, Hope Anita. *The Way a Door Closes*.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Milkweed*.

Testa, Maria. *Almost Forever*.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Swear to Howdy*.

White, Ruth. *Tadpole*.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Locomotion*.

Yolen, Jane. *Sword of the Rightful King*.

### **Directions to the Warwick Public Library:**

From Route 95 (North or South), take exit 12A, Route 113 EAST (this is Main Avenue). Continue east past the airport until 113 ends at West Shore Road (Route 117), about 3 miles. Turn left onto 117, go about 1/4 mile to first traffic light, and turn left onto Sandy Lane. The library will be on the right, about one mile.